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### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO
DR	A1	412,412	Australia		NO	
DR	A2	579,829	Australia		NO	
DR	A3	A-30274/84	Australia		NO	
DR	A4	A-74156/87	Australia		NO	
DR	A5	594,536	Australia		NO	
DR	A6	A-12086/88	Australia		NO	
DR	A7	A-19066/88	Australia		NO	
DR	A8	A-19726/88	Australia		NO	
DR	A9	A-20013/88	Australia		NO	
DR	A10	A-21579/88	Australia		NO	
DR	A11	A-32242/89	Australia		NO	
DR	A12	A-32764/89	Australia		NO	
DR	A13	A-36006/89	Australia		NO	
DR	A14	A-41141/89	Australia		NO	
DR	A15	A-41709/89	Australia		NO	
DR	A16	A-51464/90	Australia		NO	
DR	A17	2,023,577	Canada		NO	
DR	A18	0,091,412 B2	EPO		NO	
DR	<del>A19</del>	<del>0,127,103 A2</del>	<del>EPO</del>	<del>    </del>	<del>NO</del>	<del>X</del>
DR	A20	0,130,848 A2	EPO		NO	
DR	A21	0,155,515 A1	EPO		NO	
DR	A22	0,280,998 A1	EPO		NO	
DR	A23	0,301,491 A1	EPO		NO	
DR	A24	0,304,644 A2	EPO		NO	
DR	<del>A25</del>	<del>0,314,535 A1</del>	<del>EPO</del>	<del>    </del>	<del>NO</del>	<del>X</del>
DR	A26	0,330,206 A1	EPO		NO	
DR	A27	0,331,018 A1	EPO		NO	
DR	A28	0,334,644 A2	EPO		NO	
DR	A29	0,337,438 B1	EPO		NO	
DR	A30	0,345,703 B1	EPO		NO	
DR	<del>A31</del>	<del>0,347,319 A1</del>	<del>EPO</del>	<del>    </del>	<del>NO</del>	<del>X</del>
DR	A32	0,359,501 A2	EPO		NO	
DR	A33	0,360,285 A2	EPO		NO	
DR	<del>A34</del>	<del>0,360,680 A2</del>	<del>EPO</del>	<del>    </del>	<del>NO</del>	<del>X</del>
DR	A35	0,409,307 B1	EPO		NO	
DR	A36	0,426,235 A2	EPO		NO	

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<i>DR</i>	A37	2,586,558	03/1987	France	—	X
<i>DR</i>	<del>A38</del>	<del>1,491,234</del>	<del>04/1969</del>	<del>Germany</del>	<del>—</del>	<del>X</del>
<i>DR</i>	A39	3,319,421 A1	11/1984	Germany	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A40	40-36,391	12/1965	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A41	46-12,554	05/1971	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A42	48-43,500	06/1973	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A43	48-59,395	07/1973	Japan - English portion only	—	X (partial)
<i>DR</i>	A44	48-73,497	09/1973	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A45	49-18,398	02/1974	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A46	49-25,294	03/1974	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A47	50-10,718	04/1975	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A48	50-44,720	12/1975	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A49	50-100,399	08/1975	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A50	52-117,394	09/1977	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A51	54-154,696	10/1979	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A52	55-16,135	02/1980	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A53	57-20,172	04/1982	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A54	59-225,058	12/1984	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A55	60-158,828	10/1985	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A56	61-51,810	04/1986	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A57	61-154,931	09/1986	Japan	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A58	2,048,684 A	12/1980	United Kingdom	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A59	2,161,384 A	01/1986	United Kingdom	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A60	WO92/07536	05/1992	WTO	—	X
<i>DR</i>	A61	WO92/07537	05/1992	WTO	—	X

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	
	<b>(a) Publications:</b>	
<i>DR</i>	A62	Takatoshi Kobayashi, Utilization of water-absorbent polymers in hygienic field, <u>Zairyo Gijutsu</u> , 6(9), 361-365 (1988) (in Japanese, with translation).
	<b>(b) Papers filed in the EPO relating to EP 590,675:</b>	
<i>DR</i>	A63	Notice of Opposition of McNeil-PPC, Inc. ("Opponent I"), to the grant of European Patent 0,590,675 / 93 115848.9, filed 26.02.98 (February 26, 1998).

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DR	A64	Notice of Opposition of SCA Mölnlycke AB ("Opponent II"), to the grant of European Patent 0,590,675 / 93 115848.9, filed 02.03.98 (March 2, 1998).
	A65	Notice of Opposition of Paul Hartmann AG ("Opponent II"?), to the grant of European Patent 0,590,675 / 93 115848.9, filed 23.02.98 (February 23, 1998). (in German, no translation) ←
DR	A66	Response to the Office Action of March 23, 1998, communicating Notices of Opposition of McNeil-PPC, Inc.; SCA Mölnlycke AB; and Paul Hartmann AG, to the grant of European Patent 0,590,675 / 93 115,848.9, filed October 1, 1998.
DR	A67	Observations of the Opposition Division of the EPO regarding the Oppositions to the grant of European Patent 0,590,675 / 93 115,848.9, dated 22.03.99 (March 22, 1999).
DR	A68	Minutes of the oral proceedings before the Opposition Division on 03.05.00 (May 3, 2000) regarding the Oppositions to the grant of European Patent 0,590,675 / 93 115,848.9.
DR	A69	Interlocutory Decision of the Opposition Division of the EPO regarding the Oppositions to the grant of European Patent 0,590,675 / 93 115,848.9, maintaining the Patent with amended claims, dated 19.07.00 (July 19, 2000).
DR	A70	Grounds of Appeal by SCA Mölnlycke AB (Opponent II) of EPO Decision of July 5, 2000 on the Oppositions to European Patent No. EP-B-595,047 filed 17 November 2000.
DR	A71	Grounds of Appeal by McNeil-PPC, Inc. (Opponent I) of EPO Decision of July 5, 2000 on the Oppositions to European Patent No. EP-B-595,047 filed 20 November 2000.
DR	A72	Response by Patentee to Grounds of Appeal of EPO Decision of July 5, 2000 on the Oppositions to European Patent No. EP-B-595,047 by Opponents I and II, filed May 23, 2001.
<b>c) Papers filed in the EPO relating to EP 595,047:</b>		
DR	A73	Notice of Opposition of McNeil-PPC, Inc., to the grant of European Patent 0,595,047 / 93 115757.2, filed January 30, 1998.
DR	A74	Notice of Opposition of SCA Mölnlycke AB, to the grant of European Patent 0,595,047 / 93 115757.2, filed February 2, 1998.
DR	A75	Response to the Office Action of April 16, 1998, communicating Notices of Opposition of McNeil-PPC, Inc. and SCA Mölnlycke AB, to the grant of European Patent 0,595,047 / 93 115757.2, filed August 20, 1998.
DR	A76	Reply of McNeil-PPC, Inc., to the Response to the Office Action communicating Notices of Opposition of McNeil-PPC, Inc. and SCA Mölnlycke AB, to the grant of European Patent 0,595,047 / 93 115,757.2, filed January 13, 1999.
DR	A77	Reply of SCA Mölnlycke AB, to the Response to the Office Action communicating Notices of Opposition of McNeil-PPC, Inc. and SCA Mölnlycke AB, to the grant of European Patent 0,595,047 / 93 115,757.2, filed January 15, 1999.
DR	A78	Summons to attend oral proceedings, with observations by the Opposition Division, dated 01.12.99 (December 1, 1999).
DR	A79	Submission by Patentee, with amended claims and auxiliary request, filed March 31, 2000.
DR	A80	Minutes of the oral proceedings before the Opposition Division on 04.05.00 (May 4, 2000) regarding the Oppositions to the grant of European Patent 0,595,047 / 93 115,757.2.

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<i>DN</i>	A81	European Patent Office Decision dated 05.07.00 (July 5, 2000) on the Oppositions to European Patent No. EP-B-595,047.

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<i>DR</i>	A1	5,092,860	03/1992	Pigneul	604/380	09/21/1989
<i>DR</i>	A2	5,346,486	09/1994	Osborn, III et al.	604/385.1	11/01/1989
<i>DR</i>	A3	5,354,400	10/1994	Lavash et al.	156/227	10/01/1991 and 11/01/1989
<i>DR</i>	A4	5,413,569	05/1995	Yamamoto	604/385.2	11/15/1993
<i>DR</i>	A5	5,478,336	12/1995	Pigneul	604/385.1	10/08/1991
<i>DR</i>	A6	5,921,975	07/1999	Suzuki et al.	604/385.2	12/27/1995
<i>DR</i>	A7	6,013,062	01/2000	Dilnik	604/385.1	08/09/1995
<i>DR</i>	A8	6,231,554	05/2001	Menard	604/385.01	09/27/1991
<i>DR</i>	A9	6,387,084	05/2002	Van Gompel et al.	604/385.04	09/30/1992

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<i>DR</i>	A11	0,347,319 A1	12/1989	EPO (in French)		Yes
<i>DR</i>	A12	WO89/02729	04/1989	WIPO (in French)		No (but see U.S. Patent 5,478,336)

## OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
<i>DR</i>	A13	<del>Summons to Attend Oral Proceedings on June 16, 2003, in the Appeal on the Oppositions to European Patent No. 595,047, with preliminary assessment, mailed April 2, 2003, by EPO.</del>

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